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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 9 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____ 2-5 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 1,1a _____, filed with the letter of 02 February 2004 (02.02.2004)

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____ 1-26 _____, filed with the letter of 02 February 2004 (02.02.2004)

 the drawings:

pages _____ 1/4-4/4 _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-26	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-26	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-26	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. The invention relates to a method (independent claim 1) and device (independent claim 23) for authenticating a participant claiming services in a wireless LAN using an IP multimedia subsystem of a mobile radio network.

2. Prior art:

Document WO 00/76249 (D1), which is considered to represent the closest prior art, discloses a method for authorising a mobile device to access the internet over a wireless LAN, GSM or UMTS access network. Access to the internet passes through a router which forwards to the internet only IP packets whose sender has been successfully authenticated.

For authentication purposes, the mobile device sends electronic payment means (which may also contain a certificate) to a control point that checks the electronic payment means at a bank or provider. If authentication by the provider or bank is successful, the control point sends an authentication message to the router, which from that moment on forwards the packets from the successfully authorised sender to the internet.

3. Difference:

In D1, the participant is authenticated by means of a control point, an electronic payment means and an associated certificate. On the contrary, in the invention an IP multimedia subsystem of a mobile radio network is used, by means of an SIP registration message.

4. Problem:

The invention addresses the problem of authenticating the participant in an efficient manner.

5. Solution:

According to the characterising features of claim 1, the wireless LAN assigns an IP address to the participant, who then is authenticated to the IP multimedia subsystem by indicating this address using SIP registration, an element of the wireless LAN being advised of the authentication.

There is no hint in the prior art, in particular in D1, which would lead a person skilled in the art to authenticate a participant in a wireless LAN to an IP multimedia subsystem of a mobile radio network using SIP registration.

The other documents cited in the international search report relate only to the general technical background of communication systems.

Minor objection

Like independent claim 1, independent claim 23 should be drafted in the two-part form recommended by PCT Rule 6.3 (b).